

**CHAPTER NO. 170**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2046**

**By Gilbert, McNally, Atchley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2039

By Ritchie

AN ACT To amend Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 72 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1995 and all other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the general sessions court of Knox County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 72 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1995 and all other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by adding the following new paragraph to Section 1:

There is created a Division VI of the general sessions court of Knox County, Tennessee, and the position of general sessions judge to serve such Division VI. Division VI shall have the same jurisdiction, powers and authority as the other divisions of general sessions court in Knox County.

SECTION 2. Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 72 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1995 and all other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting the first sentence of Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

There is hereby created and established a court in and for Knox County, Tennessee, which shall be divided into six (6) divisions: one of which shall be designated Court of General Sessions, Division I, of Knox County, Tennessee; another, Court of General Sessions, Division II, of Knox County, Tennessee; another, Court of General Sessions, Division III, of Knox County, Tennessee; another, Court of General Sessions, Division IV, of Knox County, Tennessee; another, Court of General Sessions, Division V, of Knox County, Tennessee; and the other, Court of General Sessions, Division VI, of Knox County, Tennessee.

SECTION 3. Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 72 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1995 and all other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by adding the following new paragraphs to Section 11:

The judge of Division VI of the general sessions court of Knox County shall be appointed or elected as provided by law.

The judge of Division VI of the general sessions court of Knox County shall possess the same qualifications, have the same jurisdiction, authority, powers and receive the same compensation, payable in the same manner, as the judges of the other divisions of the general sessions court of Knox County.

SECTION 4. Chapter 54 of the Private Acts of 1939, as amended by Chapter 72 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 22 of the Private Acts of 1995 and all other acts

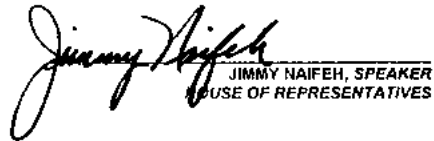
amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting from the first sentence of Section 13 the word "five" and substituting instead the word "six".

SECTION 5. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Knox County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Knox County legislative body and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 6. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 5.

**PASSED: April 29, 1998**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 11th day of May 1998**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR